

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: ARAI et al  
Serial No.: 10/790,180  
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For: Method Of Detecting Particles And A Processing  
Apparatus Using The Same  
Art Unit: 1763  
Examiner: R. Zervigon  
Conf. No.: 3237

**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the accompanying RCE of above-identified application, in response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2008. The amendments are listed below and set forth on the following pages.

Amendments to the Claims;

Remarks are included following the amendments.